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Via Hand Delivery

The Honorable Catherine C. Blake  
United States District Court for  
the District of Maryland  
Garmatz Federal Courthouse  
101 West Lombard Street  
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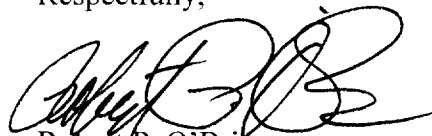
RE: *Trans-Tec Services, Inc. v. M/V Celestina*  
United States District Court for the District of Maryland  
Civil Action No.: CCB 01 CV 2819  
Our File No.: 42911

Dear Judge Blake:

I am writing at this time to request a forty-five day extension to the discovery cut-off deadline in the above-referenced matter. Discovery is currently set to conclude on April 1, 2002. The primary reason that I am seeking the extension is the difficulty I have experienced in obtaining information concerning this matter given the worldwide spread of the involved parties. I believe that a forty-five day extension should be adequate to obtain the necessary discovery for the resolution of the case.

I have discussed this request with counsel for plaintiff Trans-Tec. Counsel has consented to the extension with a concomitant forty-five day extension of the remaining dates on the Scheduling Order. Thank you very much for your patience and cooperation.

Respectfully,

  
Robert P. O'Brien

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cc: J. Stephen Simms, Esquire

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"Approved" THIS 15<sup>th</sup>  
DAY OF March, 2002

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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